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# LETTER DATED 2 MARCH 1995 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am writing to you concerning the declaration by the Organization of the Islamic Conference Contact Group dated 22 February 1995 contained in the letter of the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council on 24 February 1995 (S/1995/159) and, upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following.

The declaration contains a series of absurd, groundless and utterly tendentious allegations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and its consistent policy of peace, which it pursues with a view to resolving the crisis in the territory of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The appeal by the OIC Contact Group to terminate immediately the measures contained in Security Council resolution 970 (1995) concerning the easing of certain sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on the basis of "evidence of violations of the border between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia" is outrageous and is in direct contravention to the reports of the Co-Chairmen of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia. The Co-Chairmen have already certified in five monthly reports that the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is continuing to meet its commitment to close its border with the areas of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina under the control of the Bosnian Serb forces. It has also been confirmed that the Yugoslav authorities are fully cooperating with the humanitarian mission of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia concerning the situation on the border.

Instead of offering its support for the constructive policy and serious efforts that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is investing with a view to resolving the crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which are widely acknowledged, the OIC Contact Group goes so far as to make the outrageous claim that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia "still carries the overwhelming burden for aggression against the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Bosnia and Hezegovina" and even accuses Yugoslavia of committing genocide.

It is generally accepted by the international community that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is not a party to the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina and that it has done its utmost to convince the Bosnian Serbs to accept the peace plan of the international Contact Group, which it regards as a solid foundation for peace.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has consistently maintained that it has absolutely no territorial claims as regards any of the republics of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. On the other hand, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia adheres to the principled position that the recognition of the secessionist republics can only be attained when the political issues among their constituent nations are resolved.

It is indeed regrettable that the OIC Contact Group does not utilize in the right way its undoubted political potential and that it gives evidence by producing such political pamphlets that its exclusive goal is to satisfy its current political propaganda needs and not to contribute in this very vital and sensitive moment to an urgent achievement of a political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is convinced that instead of leading a hysterical anti-Yugoslav and anti-Serbian campaign it would be much more useful for the OIC Contact Group to try really to help in the achievement of an urgent end to the civil war in Bosnia and Herzegovina by making an effort to convince the Bosnian Muslims of the futility of pursuing the war option and of the need to revert to negotiations on the basis of full equality and respect of the vital interests of the three constituent nations of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIĆ
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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